activities. To rehabilitate child labourers, Commissioner for Public Instruction has issued instructions for enrolment of all out of school children in schools. Special schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are also being opened in these areas, wherever necesary. The Enforcement officers have been instructed to take stringent action against employers engaging child labour in mines & queries.

Creation of employment opportunities

†1957. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the data regarding creation of employment opportunities in the country after mid-term review of the Tenth Five-Year Plan;

(b) if so, the annual increase rate as regards creation of more employment opportunities during the last few years of the Tenth Five-Year Plan; and

(c) whether the target of providing employment on the basis of such increase would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): *(a) to (c) As per estimates given in Mid Term Appraisal* (MTA) document, employment opportunities on CDS basis for first three years of Tenth Plan have been estimated at 349.89 million in 2002-03, 356.16 million in 2003-04 and 362.64 million in 2004-05. The above assessment is based on growth in output and the observed elasticities in the recent past.

Rate of interest on EPF accumulation

1958. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Board has recommended 9.5 per cent rate of interest in EPF accumulation for the year 2004-05; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.